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Subject: Fw: NVF Kennett Square

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From: Michael Towle/R3/USEPA/US
To: "Tom Glass" <tglass@chesco.org>,
Date: 06/07/2010 09:46 AM
Subject: Re: NVF Kennett Square

Sorry Tom, I have nothing to offer with respect to asbestos in any of the buildings. Back in the day, PCBs were the issue and that was my focus. ACM sampling is pretty cheap, so the issue/possible concern could probably be settled quickly.

From: "Glass, Tom H." [tglass@chesco.org]

Sent: 06/07/2010 08:51 AM AST

To: Michael Towle

Subject: RE: NVF Kennett Square

Mike:

The Fire Chief in Kennett is getting questioned if the building involved had asbestos. I believe that would have been outside your scope of work you did there, but was wondering if you had any insight about that. The fire chief has to appear before Borough Council tonight (6/7) to answer questions and he wants to have appropriate answers if possible.

Thanks.
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Tom - for your consideration. I very much doubt that the chemicals that may have existed at NVF (e.g., solvents, MEK, etc.) when I cleaned the exterior PCB spill in 1994 are still much of an issue, but I want you to have what information I think could be of value to the County. I also do not know the extent of environmental cleanup between about 2003

(EPA's last involvement) and the present. Finally, I do not believe that any of the EPA cleanup involved the inside of the building.

The PCB portion of the environmental issue (that got any attention) involved a PCB release from their hydraulic pit through subsurface drainage. NVF cleaned the pit. EPA remediated the spill outside the building.

When I remediated the adjacent Junkyard, I found numerous drums of specialized PCB resins. Those resins were used in the manufacture of the circuit boards and were not part of the hydraulic pit release. The resins included mixtures of PCBs which you would not find in the routine PCB analysis. Since I never saw the actual manufacturing portion of the NVF facility, I have no idea what/where/how the resins were used.

The junkyard also contained large piles of scrap circuit boards. One of those piles had burned years ago. I removed the burnt scraps and the adjacent soil because it contained a fairly high concentration of PCB (which was detected using routine analytical methods).

I hope this is helpful.

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From:	Deborah Lindsey/R3/USEPA/US
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Date:	05/28/2010 02:20 PM
Subject:	NVF Kennett Square

Hi Mike

Thought I would pass this information on regarding NVF Kennett Square

I received a phone call last night (on my office phone number) at 1:05 am from the Chester County Fire Dispatch Center notifying me that the NVF Kennett Square facility was on fire. They recognized that the facility was on the Mid Atlantic Superfund list with my name and number as the POC. The Fire Dispatch Center wanted to know if EPA needed to have someone on-site.

I called the phone number that they provided this morning when I got in the office and spoke to the Fire Chief who was on the scene last night. They were concerned as to what may have been in the building. I explained that all of our removal actions involved PCB-contaminated soil and sediments from around the facility, retention pond and adjacent drainage ditches. The last action that I had taken at the facility was completed in 2004. I was not sure what may be inside the facility but I was under the impression that the facility was no longer in operation and vacant.

He confirmed the status of the facility and indicated that they had Hazmat on-site and they were monitoring the air and the surface runoff and found nothing.

I was just wondering if you happen to know what may have been inside the building during operations or something that maybe concern due to the fire. I looked up my notes and it indicated that they manufactured composite materials and industrial laminates. The Fire Chief indicated that I may be contacted by the Borough Codes Office regarding the facility.

Attached is a link on the fire. <http://www.dailylocal.com/articles/2010/05/28/news/doc4bffde30badc0170142763.txt>.
From the text of the article - it appears that Chester County Hazmat was on-scene today and found "no toxic elements"

I was just trying to locate some additional information in case I get called. Although I realize that what was inside the building 10-15 years ago is probably much different than what was in the building yesterday.

Debbie

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